

## Field Notes

In an effort to share some of the natural history observations made during the scallop survey, we have requested that the Chief Scientists on each part of the cruise comment on some of the more interesting catches that were brought aboard the *FRV ALBATROSS IV*.

### Scallops

A very strong scallop recruitment was observed throughout most portions of the Mid-Atlantic, especially in the Delmarva area. Station 53 brought aboard over 43,000 scallops, all of which were under 90 mm (greater than 40 count). At the opposite end of the spectrum, station 377 had 100% of its 2600 scallops all over 100 mm (less than 30 count). High numbers of clappers (an indication of mortality) were observed in the southern portion of Closed Area II.

### Haddock

Catches of young-of-year (less than 8 inch-long) haddock were observed from Delaware Bay out to Hudson Canyon, and up to and across Georges Bank. While incidental catches of young haddock occur occasionally in haddock nursery areas, the current survey made unprecedented catches across large portions of the survey area.

### Goosefish

High numbers of juvenile (less than 10 inch-long) goosefish were observed in the Mid-Atlantic area.

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